'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes including dacoity and murder by Inter-State gangs are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take effective measures to control the crimes. The Union Government has also been providing financial assistance to the State Governments under the scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces with a view to equip them with modern weaponry, State of the art Communication systems, vehicles, intelligence gathering equipment, protective gear etc. to enable the State police to meet the present day challenges.

Loans for self-employment to Tsunami affected women

1617. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan provided to women affected by Tsunami for setting up of their homes and self-employment work; and

(b) the number of installments, the loanee have to repay the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government have approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas" which *inter-alia* includes relief assistance, temporary shelters and a provision for pucca houses. As regards self-employment, the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India *viz.,* Tribal Affairs, Social Justice & Empowerment, Women & Child Development and Rural Development, through their various schemes, will be facilitating the self-employment of the women affected by Tsunami.

Financial assistance to Kerala for rehabilitation of Tsunami victims

1618. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government issued any directions to the Tsunami affected State Governments relating to the limit of expenses and nature of house to be constructed for the rehabilitations purpose;

(B) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Kerala submitted any proposal for the anticipated expenditure of such houses and if so, the estimated expenses of each house; and

(d) whether Government consider to accord permission for the scheme and extend financial assistance for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The requirement of funds for construction of houses in place of houses damaged in the Tsunami disaster has been estimated at Rs. 682.00 crore for 1,70,500 pucca houses excluding Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(c) and (d) The financial assistance for housing sector as above will be used for supporting the housing component of rehabilitation plans being prepared for the affected areas including Kerala with the assistance of the Core Group established in the Planning Commission for the purpose and in consultation with the relevant Ministries and the State Governments. Further assistance in subsequent phases would bereleased for supporting these plans. Accordingly, the orders for releasing financial assistance for housing sector will be issued separately.

Proposals from Gujarat regarding protection of its borders

1619. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has suggested any scheme to Union Government for further protection of its border adjacent to Pakistan;

(b) what are the main details of that proposal; and

(c) how many such suggestion of State Government of Gujarat are acceded by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No specific scheme has been suggested by the Government of Gujarat for further protection of the land border with Pakistan. However, Government of India have approved a coastal security scheme for strengthening infrastructure of State Police Forces for patrolling the coastline and close coastal waters. This scheme has been framed after consultation with State Governments concerned, including the Government of Gujarat.